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HOUSE BILL No. 2086

DIGEST OF HB 2086 (Updated February 21, 2001 12:45 PM - DI 92)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Volunteer advocates pilot program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to choose nine counties to develop a pilot program to recruit and train volunteers to serve as advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities who are involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the Indiana criminal justice system as suspects or defendants or who are otherwise endangered and have no parent or legal guardian. Requires the office to contract with a private individual or organization to provide training to the counties chosen to participate. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana commission on mental retardation and developmental disabilities.)

Effective: July 1, 2001.

**Klinker, Alderman, Goeglein,
Avery**

January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
February 21, 2001, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "endangered individual" means an individual who:

3 (1) has been diagnosed with a developmental disability (as
4 defined in IC 12-7-2-61); and

5 (2) is:

6 (A) involved in the Indiana criminal justice system as a
7 suspect or defendant;

8 (B) at risk of becoming involved in the Indiana criminal
9 justice system as a suspect or defendant; or

10 (C) otherwise endangered and without a parent or legal
11 guardian.

12 (b) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the
13 secretary of family and social services established by IC 12-8-1-1.

14 (c) The office shall accept applications from counties that wish
15 to establish a program to recruit and train volunteers to serve as
16 advocates for endangered individuals.

17 (d) The office shall select nine (9) counties from the applicants
18 under subsection (c) to receive grants from the office to establish

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1 a volunteer advocate program as described in this SECTION. The
2 counties selected for these grants must be from various regions of
3 Indiana.

4 (e) The office shall contract with a private individual or
5 organization to provide training to the counties selected under
6 subsection (d) concerning establishing a volunteer advocate
7 program.

8 (f) A county program established under this SECTION must
9 involve the participation of:

10 (1) the local court system;

11 (2) local law enforcement agencies;

12 (3) advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities;

13 and

14 (4) individuals and organizations that provide services to
15 individuals with developmental disabilities.

16 (g) A county that participates in a program established under
17 this SECTION shall assist in providing training to any county that
18 may establish a similar program in the future.

19 (h) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 2086, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

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Page 2, delete lines 20 through 32.

Page 2, line 33, delete "(j)" and insert "**(h)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 2026 as introduced.)

BAUER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 24, nays 0.

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